Reply to office action of March 6, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Docket No.: 99-260

In the notification of non-compliant appeal brief dated March 6, 2006, the Examiner took the position that the brief was non-compliant because the brief did not contain an "Evidence Appendix" and did not contain a "Related Proceedings Appendix". Attached hereto is a substitute appeal brief which contains the required Appendices.

The Examiner is hereby requested to enter the substitute appeal brief.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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